ARIs in Gujarat

3561. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the existing status of agro-based industries in Gujarat; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to promote agro-based industries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) The Industry-wise status of agro based industries is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) In order to promote the agro based industries in the country including the State of Gujarat, the Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP). Under this scheme, the KVIC provides margin money assistance at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs, rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project. In case of weaker section beneficiary *viz.* SC/ST/OBC/ Women/ Physically Handicapped/Ex-servicemen and Minority Community beneficiary/Institution and for Hill, Border and tribal Areas, Both Eastern Region, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Margin Money grant will be at the rate of 30 per cent of the project cost upto Rs. 10.00 lakhs and above this amount upto Rs. 25.00 lakhs, it will be 10% of the remaining cost of project. During the 10th Plan period, it is proposed to establish 3494 agro based units, which would generate additional employment to the tune of 46,553 in the State of Gujarat.

Statement

Performance of Industry-wise Agro and Rural Industries in Gujarat during 2001-2002

Sl. No.	Industry	Production (Rs. in lakhs)	Employment (in lakh)
1	2	3	4
1	**KHADI**		
	Cotton	1692.15	0.23
	Woolen	132.77	0.01
	Silk	32.32	*
	TOTAL:	1857.24	0.24

1	2	3	4
2.	**Village Industries**		
	Mineral based Industries	2490.76	0.16
	Forest Based Industries	2418.05	0.03
	Agro Based and Food Industries	12581.16	0.12
	Polymer and Chemical Based Industries	11447.78	0.06
	Engineering and Non Conventional Energy	9416.09	0.11
	Textile Industries	989.28	0.06
	Service Industries	1028.10	0.12
	TOTAL VILLAGE INDUSTRIES	40371.22	0.66
	TOTAL KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES	42228.46	0.90

* below 500

ARIs in Uttaranchal

3562. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rural industries under implementation in Uttaranchal;

(b) the increase in production and employment registered in these industries; and

(c) the details of the funds allotted/sanctioned/released and utilised for this purpose during the period from its inception till date, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) Rural Industries Projects are implemented under Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Some of the important rural industries under implementation in Uttaranchal are beekeeping, medicinal plants, fruit and vegetable processing and preservation, rural engineering works, manufactrue of electronic items, hand made paper, collection of gums and resins, lime manufacturing, neosoap, leather etc.